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Budget Allocation Paves Way for Road Improvements

SAN BERNARDINO—April 10, 2012—Portions of three roads in three different Second District communities will get facelifts this summer thanks in part to the \$8 million Pavement Improvement Program the Board of Supervisors carved out of an austere budget last year, according to contracts approved by the Board on Tuesday.

"Road maintenance in our unincorporated communities is a core responsibility of County Government, and the fund the Board created last year is allowing County Public Works to catch up on some long overdue upkeep," Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford said.

The three road segments set for repaving are Club House Drive between Alpine Lane and Grass Valley Road in Lake Arrowhead, Live Oak Drive between Highway 330 and Highway 18 in Running Springs, and Arrow Route between Beech Avenue and Almeria Avenue in unincorporated Fontana. Respectively, the projects will cost \$599,000, \$1 million, and \$969,000 for a total of about \$2.6 million.

The Live Oak Drive project will also include improvements to 34 sewer manholes. The Running Springs Water District asked the County to wrap the manhole improvements into the project and allocated \$24,140 to cover the additional costs. In addition to Pavement Improvement Program funding, the County will use about \$718,000 from Measure I to pay for repaving Live Oak. Measure I funds come from a half-cent sales tax voters agreed to establish in order to fund local transportation projects.

Meanwhile, the Arrow Route project will also include the construction of about 720 feet of sidewalk to connect existing sidewalks in the unincorporated Fontana community. The project budget includes \$97,795 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the sidewalk extension.

Construction on all three projects is scheduled to begin later this month and should be completed by June. Drivers should anticipate some minor delays during the construction period.

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